

# The News of North Carolina

## GREAT ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

An Exchange at Greensboro is a Great Convenience.

## NO POLICE FOR THE SOUTHERN

The Railroad and the City Are Unable to Agree as Regards What the Railroad Should Pay—Small Blind Negro Boy Found.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., December 3.—A real estate exchange is one of the many modern conveniences of business life recently established in this progressive city. Instead of having to go from office to office a buyer or seller has only to phone, write to or visit the Realty Exchange offices, located on the ground floor of the Benbow Hotel building. The experiment has proved a great success, as the members all declare business has been greatly stimulated, and a large increase is shown in operations, while expenses have been greatly reduced to all parties.

A little blind negro boy, apparently about six years of age, with the following placard attached to him, "James Hawkins Moore, going to Colored Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C. Please have him change cars at proper places," was found crying on the railroad track half a mile from the passenger station here yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Parish of High Point, today brought up to the city for safe keeping until Superior Court, Wm. Gooden, George Parker, two colored men, charged with breaking into the stores of the High Point Furniture Company and J. H. Petty, Saturday night. They carried off about 175 worth of clothing.

Judge James E. Boyd went to Asheville last night to hold Federal Court there this week. The term was originally set for some time in November, but was postponed on account of Judge Boyd's being in Richmond sitting in the Circuit Court of Appeals.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of County Commissioners met today in regular monthly session, it being the first meeting of the new fiscal year. The members of the board and all of the county officers took the oath of office, their bonds having been examined and approved. Mr. John N. Wilson was re-elected County Attorney, and Mr. S. J. Scott was retained as keeper of the County House.

SEA-FOLDING FALLS.—The sea-folding falls in the new building at the Normal and Industrial College gave way yesterday, precipitating several workmen to the ground. Superintendent J. M. Allen had his thumb broken and several of the workmen suffered slight injuries.

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If you want to make him happy, make him comfortable.

"Comfort is the God of this world."

E. P. Whipple.

There's nothing that adds as much to a man's comfort as an easy Lining Coat—Dressing Gown—Smoking Jacket—or Blanket Gown.

The fact is this store is full of luxurious clothing for the comfort of Men and Boys—from Umbrellas to Slippers.

BATH ROBES AND DRESSING GOWNS.

Turkish and Blanket Robes at \$2.50; Imported Persian Flannel Robes at \$20.00—all prices to wear.

ST. KING JACKETS, HOUSE COATS, &c.

Plaid and Striped House Coats at \$2.50; Silk-Lined, Ornamental, Persian Jackets at \$25.00—many grades between.

**Berry's**  
MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHES

that it will be here in less than twelve months.

DIED AT RUFFIN.

Mrs. Jennie Horsey left for Ruffin last night in response to a telegram announcing the death of her brother, Hon. John S. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a brother of Messrs. P. B. and Julius Johnson, attorneys of Raleigh, and had been sheriff and State Senator from his county.

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company met here last night. Vacancies in the board were filled as follows: George P. Pitt, of Ashe county, was elected to succeed Mr. H. W. Fries, of Salem, recently deceased; Colonel W. E. Hodd, of Lexington, was elected in place of Judge A. W. Graham, resigned.

Rev. J. Hunter, of the Virginia Conference, who has been visiting his son, Mr. Robert L. Hunter, left on a business trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., last night. At the recent Virginia Conference in Richmond, Mr. Hunter was made co-treasurer of the conference, in addition to his regular duties as pastor at Ashland, Va. It is learned that his son, who has been conducting a tea and coffee business here, will act as secretary in the work, which headquarters in Richmond. For this reason, Mr. Hunter is closing out his stock here and will soon leave for Richmond.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE

Bishop A. Coke Smith is Presiding at Wilmington.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 3.—The sixty-sixth annual session of the North Carolina M. E. Conference, Bishop A. Coke Smith, of Charlotte, presiding, convened in Grace Church, this city, today. Devotional exercises by the bishop and Rev. Dr. L. L. Nash, of Rocky Mount, preceded the appointment of the regular conference committees, as nominated by the presiding elders.

Rev. W. L. Cunningham, of Durham, was chosen secretary, and he announced his assistants as follows: First assistant secretary, N. H. D. Wilson, Maxton; recording secretary, G. D. Simmons, Elizabeth; and financial secretary, H. H. Brown, Kinston. E. W. Fox, Garysburg; H. G. Stamey, Cumberland; E. R. Welch, Roanoke Rapids; S. B. Mercer, Raleigh; W. C. Merritt, Conway.

President Kirk read a report from the trustees of Trinity College, and same was referred to the board of education.

Dr. Reid, of Korea; Dr. Lander, of Brazil; Miss Mary Peadar, of Brazil; Dr. H. C. DeRose, secretary of the Epworth League; and Dr. Kugimizu, of Japan, were present and were introduced to the conference.

To-night the opening sermon of the conference was preached by Dr. W. H. Moore, of Pittsburg. The attendance was being hospitably entertained.

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## THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS

They Will Be Made to the Next General Assembly.

## EXEMPT PERSONAL PROPERTY

Recommended that This Be Increased from \$25 to \$300—That State and County Poll Tax Shall Not Exceed \$2.00.

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RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3.—Chairman Franklin McNeill, of the Corporation and State Tax Commission, announces the following recommendations that the commission will make to the General Assembly when it convenes in January:

That the personal property exemption be increased from \$25 to \$300.

That poll tax for State and county purposes do not exceed \$2, and none be levied for municipal purposes.

That the State and county tax rate do not exceed 6 1/2 cts on \$100 valuation, and municipal tax rate be so limited as that State, county and municipal combined shall not exceed 10 cts on \$100 property valuation.

That no ad valorem tax be levied for State and county purposes, and in lieu thereof there be a tax on incomes, franchises, inheritances and some licenses, for example, on the liquor traffic.

That taxes for school funds and for county and municipal purposes be derived from a general property tax and that the tax now levied on trades and professions and on business licenses be divided between the counties and municipalities.

Charters were issued to-day for five new corporations: The Shalotte and Wilmington Transportation Company, \$50,000, to operate a steamboat for freight and passengers between Wilmington and Shalotte; Frank P. White, G. F. Bowen and others, the promoters.

The Hanover Iron Works Company, of Wilmington, capital \$50,000, S. W. Stinner, W. E. King and Iredell Meares incorporators.

The Hadeney and Meale Company, of Asheville, to do printing and a general book-store business, incorporators, G. L. Hadeney, P. R. Meale and others.

The Wilmington-Baldock Company, of Rocky Mount, to do an insurance agency and real estate business, capital \$50,000.

The Houston-Lee Supply Company, of Monroe, capital \$25,000, incorporators, D. A. Houston, W. A. Lane and Winston Lee.

Adjutant-General Royster announces today the admission into the Third Regiment of the State Guard of the Wild Cat Rifles, a military company recently organized at Lexington.

## THE ROGERS CASE

His Northern Friends Failed to Provide Counsel as Promised.

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DURHAM, N. C., December 3.—The Criminal Court is still in session, and has disposed of many minor cases up to this hour. Judge McNeill has passed sentence on Monroe Rogers, colored, of Massachusetts, found guilty of murder, to his life term in prison.

A telegram was received here last night from Brockton, Mass., asking for the details of the trial and its result. His northern friends who opposed so strenuously his being brought back here for trial failed to provide counsel for him as they had promised, and he went before the jury undefended and refused to make a statement on the stand. The testimony against him would have hung him if he had been tried on that count.

Such a glut of tobacco was never known here. Yesterday only half of receipts were sold. They were still heavier today, and if no more comes in it will take two days to sell it. Though it is a glut on the market, prices have not yet gone up well. The farmers have an idea that there will be a slump after Christmas and are marketing it as fast as possible.

The attached horses of the Walter L. Main Show, mentioned in The Times yesterday, have been shipped to Ohio, Alan having given bond in \$1,000 to protect the claims of \$750 attached by the Seaboard Air Line for freight.

The revenue collections here for November amounted to \$142,818. Owing to the fact that a larger proportion of the tobacco than usual was exported, for which nothing was paid for stamps, the amount is smaller than usual.

The postoffice stamp receipts for November were \$12,837. The money-order business was very large.

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